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### **Superior Court Jury Finds District Man Guilty of First Degree Sexual Abuse, Burglary While Armed, Kidnapping While Armed, and Related Charges**

**Washington, D.C.** - Anthony Barbour, a 45-year-old District of Columbia man, was convicted by a Superior Court jury on November 2, 2009, of three counts of First Degree Sexual Abuse, Burglary while Armed, Kidnapping while Armed, First Degree Theft, Destruction of Property, and Simple Assault, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today. The offenses arose out of Barbour's home invasion and rape of his ex-girlfriend, a 35-year old District of Columbia woman, and a prior assault on and theft from that same woman. Barbour is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Michael Rankin on January 22, 2010.

Evidence introduced at trial established that on February 18, 2009, Barbour broke into his ex-girlfriend's apartment, located in Northeast Washington, D.C., in the middle of the night by breaking her kitchen window and pushing in her window-unit air conditioner. Once inside, Barbour barricaded the victim in her bedroom, punched her in the face several times, threatened to kill her while holding a box-cutter knife, and then raped her multiple times. The victim was finally able to escape from her apartment approximately eleven hours after the assault began. She ran to a nearby recreation center in her pajamas and bedroom slippers, where a concerned citizen assisted her, and helped her call 911. The government also established that in two earlier incidents, the defendant stole several hundred dollars worth of money orders from the victim, on February 6, 2009, and physically assaulted her, on October 14, 2008.

In announcing the verdicts, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended the work of several members of the Metropolitan Police Department, including Detectives Leon Epps and Laura Aceto, Officers Darrell Roberts, Clifford Simms, Darren Haskis, Valerie Campbell, Ronald Royster, Stanley Rembish, Eric Coker, and Kristofer Todd, Crime Lab Biologist Nikia Coomber, and DNA Analyst Nicole Yannacone. He also praised nurses Carolyn Abbott, Cindy Teller, and Mamie Preston of the District of Columbia Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program, and State Department Investigator John Dolina, who apprehended Barbour as a member of the regional Fugitive Task Force. Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips also recognized the work of victim advocate Christina Principe, paralegals Eugena Johnson, Tiffany Jones, and Lynita Greene, legal assistant Charmonique Price, and litigation technology specialist Leif Hickling, as well as Linda McDonald and Serrita Hill, of the U.S. Attorney's Office. Lastly, he praised Assistant U.S.

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Attorney Stephanie Brooker, who prosecuted the matter at trial, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracey Lankler, who investigated and indicted the case.

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